# Daily Digest

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Senate passed Aviation Assistance and Security Act.

The House passed H.R. 2926, Air Transportation System Stabilization Act.

The House passed H.R. 2904, Military Construction, Family Housing, and Base Realignment Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$9561-\$9677

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1444–1455, S. Res. 162–163, and S. Con. Res. 69–73.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 746, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 107–66)

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#### Measures Passed:

Aviation Assistance and Security Act: By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 284), Senate passed S. 1450, to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion bill, it be immediately considered, read the third time and passed, provided it is identical to the Senate passed bill. Further, that once the House bill has been enacted into law, provided it is identical to the Senate measure, then passage on the Senate bill be vitiated and the measure then be indefinitely postponed.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order for the Senate to receive the House companion to S. 1450, the Airline Stabilization bill, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate.

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Defense Production Act Amendments: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was

discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2510, to extend the expiration date of the Defense Production Act of 1950, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Sarbanes/Gramm) Amendment No. 1615, to provide for a one-year extension. Page S9673

Committee Membership Designation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.

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Department of Defense Authorization: Senate began consideration of S. 1438, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Levin/Warner Amendment No. 1598, to authorize additional funds for certain national security interest purposes. Page S9565

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, September 24, 2001.

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act: Senate further amended the Senate amendment to H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, with the following amendment:

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Reid (for Hollings/Gregg) Amendment No. 1616, to strike section 404. Page \$9674

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hollings, Inouye, Mikulski, Leahy, Kohl, Murray, Reed, Byrd, Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Campbell, and Cochran.

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, at 2 p.m., on Monday, September 24, 2001, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur thereon.

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U.S.-Jordan Free Trade—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Monday, September 24, 2001, the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2603, to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area, the Senate then begin consideration of the bill, and following the use or yielding back of time, the bill be read a third time and passed. Page S9604

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 282), Sharon Prost, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

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By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 283), Reggie B. Walton, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. Pages \$9561-64, \$9677

Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.

Marion Blakey, of Mississippi, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

Marion Blakey, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2005.

Deborah J. Daniels, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Read Van de Water, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michelle Van Cleave, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

William Winkenwerder, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

John H. Marburger III, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Kimberly Terese Nelson, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Clay D. Land, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

Randy Crane, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Mary Ann Solberg, of Michigan, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy. (New Position)

Thomas M. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 33 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Public Health Service. Pages \$9675–77

Messages From the House: Pages S9616–17
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Text of H.R. 2590, as Previously Passed:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—284) Pages \$9564, \$9604-05

Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, September 24, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$9674.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### CURRENT DOD ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on current Department of Defense activities from Douglas J. Feith, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, J–2, Intelligence Directorate, The Joint Staff; and Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Newbold, USMC, Director, J–3, Operations Directorate, The Joint Staff.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Brig. Gen. Edwin J. Arnold, Jr., United States Army, to be a Member and President, and Brig. Gen. Carl A. Strock, United States Army, to be a Member, both of the Mississippi River Commission, Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, P.H. Johnson, of Mississippi, to be Federal Co-chairperson, Delta Regional Authority, Marianne Lamont Horinko, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, Harold Craig Manson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, Michael Parker, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Mary E. Peters, of Arizona, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Johnson was introduced by Senator Cochran.

#### NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Arlene Render, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Mattie R. Sharpless, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, R. Barrie Walkley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Jackson McDonald, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Kevin Joseph McGuire, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Ralph Leo Boyce, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, and Robert W. Jordan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### INDIA/PAKISTAN SANCTIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on India and Pakistan sanctions from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

#### HOMELAND THREATS RESPONSE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the U.S. response to homeland attacks, after receiving testimony from former Senators Gary Hart and Warren B. Rudman, both on behalf of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and L. Paul Bremer III, Washington, D.C., former Ambassador-at-Large for Counter-Terrorism, and Virginia Governor James S. Gilmore III, Richmond, both on behalf of the Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 2903–2922, 2924–2943; 1 private bill, H.R. 2923; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 232–235 and H. Res. 240, 241, 243, were introduced. Pages H5925–27

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 203, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide reg-

ulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, amended (H. Rept. 107–210);

H.R. 2538, to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians (H. Rept. 107–211);

H.R. 2666, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical

entrepreneurship development program (H. Rept. 107–212);

H.R. 1860, to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, amended (H. Rept. 107–213, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 244, providing for consideration of H.R. 2926, to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system (H. Rept. 107–214).

Military Construction, Family Housing, and Base Realignment Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2904, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 344.

Earlier, agreed to consider the bill by unanimous consent order.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened at 5:44 p.m. **Page H5875** 

Air Transportation System Stabilization Act: The House passed H.R. 2926, to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system by a yea-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 54 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 348.

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Rejected the DeFazio motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report it back to the House with amendments that require air carriers to provide health insurance for 18 months to laid off airline employees and requires the FAA to conduct security screening of air passengers and property at airports by a yea-and-nay vote of 174 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 347.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 244, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 346. Earlier, the House agreed to H.Res. 242, the rule providing for same day consideration of this rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 107 nays, Roll No. 345.

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**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of Sept. 24, 2001. Page H5919

Meeting Hour Monday, Sept. 24: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Sept. 26.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H5918–19.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H5929.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H5875, H5883, H5893, H5917–18, and H5918. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

#### MEDICARE DRUG REIMBURSEMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled "Medicare Drug Reimbursements: A Broken System for Patients and Taxpayers." Testimony was heard from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Care Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: George Grob, Deputy Inspector General; Thomas A. Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Ezekiel Emanuel, Chief, Clinical Bioethics Department, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center, NIH; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International 'Monetary Policy and Trade approved for full Committee action, as amended the following bills: H.R. 2604, to authorize the United States to participate in and contribute to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund and the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and to set forth additional policies of the United States towards the African Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and H.R. 2871, Export-Import Reauthorization Act of 2001.

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING ACT; MASS TRANSIT—NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2305, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Restructuring Act of 2001.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on "Mass Transit in the National Capital Region: Meeting Future Capital Needs." Testimony was heard from JayHetta Hecher, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jennifer L. Dorn, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; and Phil Mendelson, Vice-Chairman, National Capital Region, Transportation Planning Board; the following officials of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Decatur Trotter, Chairman, Board of Directors; and Richard A. White, General Manager; and Donna Sorkin, member, Access Board.

#### CREATING A NEW EPA DEPARTMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "Creating a New EPA Department." Testimony was heard from Representatives Boehlert, Horn, Ehlers; and public witnesses.

## AIR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND SYSTEM STABILIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule waiving all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2926, Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives LaTourette, Graves, Tiahrt, DeFazio, Hastings of Florida, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Stupak, Sherman and Wu.

## AVIATION SECURITY—FUTURE OF AVIATION INDUSTRY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Security and the Future of the Aviation Industry. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue September 25.

# Joint Meetings AVIATION SECURITY

Joint Hearing: On Thursday, September 20, Senate Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation concluded open and closed joint hearings with the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Transportation to examine aviation security issues, focusing on aviation related computer systems, airport access controls, and passenger and carry-on baggage screening, including how the

United States and selected other countries differ in their screening practices, after receiving testimony from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary, Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, all of the Department of Transportation; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; and Hank Queen, Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of September 24 through 29, 2001

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 12 noon, Senate will consider H.R. 2603, United States-Jordan Free Trade Area Implementation Act. Also, at 2 p.m., Senate will consider the nomination of Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur thereon; following which, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1438, Department of Defense Authorization.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills when available.

#### **Senate Committees**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: September 24, to hold hearings to examine long-term care challenges and solutions relating to the aging and disability communities, focusing on the relationships between public-private and local-state-federal relationships for new service models, 1 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 26, to hold hearings to examine Administration's perspective with regard to the new federal farm bill; immediately following, a hearing on the nominations of Elsa A. Murano, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Edward R. McPherson, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, both of Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Appropriations: September 25, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, 2 p.m., S–128, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: September 25, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to

the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. John W. Handy, to be General; the nomination of The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Adm. James O. Ellis, Jr., to be Admiral; and the nomination of the following named officer for appointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 152: Gen. Peter Pace, to be General, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 26, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Administration's national money laundering strategy for 2001, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 26, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation security issues, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 25, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold oversight hearings to examine the effectiveness of the National Fire Plan in the 2001 fire season, including fuel reduction initiatives, and to examine the 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine critical energy infrastructure security and the energy industry's response to the events of September 11, 2001, 9:30 a.m., Room to be announced.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 25, business meeting to consider S. 950, to amend the Clean Air Act to address problems concerning methyl tertiary butyl ether; S. 1206, to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965; S. 1270, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse"; and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 24, to hold hearings on the nomination of Charlotte L. Beers, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy; the nomination of Patricia de Stacy Harrison, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs; the nomination of John Stern Wolf, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Non-proliferation; the nomination of Kevin E. Moley, of Arizona, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador; the nomination of Kenneth C. Brill, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador; and the nomination of Michael E. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Dennis L. Schornack, of Michigan, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada; the nomination of John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica; and the nomination of Roy L. Austin, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, 11 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 25, with the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine federal government management, focusing on airline passenger and baggage screening, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

September 25, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, with the Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings to examine federal government management, focusing on airline passenger and baggage screening, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

September 26, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the security of critical governmental infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 26, to hold hearings to examine psychological trauma and terrorism, focusing on assurance that Americans receive the support they need, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 24, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice counterterrorism proposal, 3 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 25, to hold hearings to examine homeland defense matters, 10 a.m., SD-226.

#### House Chamber

Monday, Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) H. Con. Res. 204, Establishment of National Character Counts Week;
- (2) H.R. 1583, Designation of the Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation;
- (3) H.R. 1860, Small Business Technology Transfer Program;
- (4) S. 248, Payment of Arrearages to the United Nations;
- (5) H.R. 1850, Senior Housing Commission Extension Act;
- (6) H.R. 2589, Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring Extension;
- (7) H.R. 2869, Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act; and
- (8) H.R. 717, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Childhood Assistance, Research and Education Amendments.

Consideration of Joint Resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2002 (subject to unanimous consent).

Tuesday and Wednesday, Consideration of FY 2002 District of Columbia Appropriations Act (subject to a rule); and

Complete Consideration of H.R. 2586, FY 2002 National Defense Authorization Act (subject to a rule).

Thursday and Friday, no votes.

#### **House Committees**

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 25, hearing on "The Nursing Shortage: Causes, Impact and Innovate Remedies," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 26, hearing entitled "America's Insurance Industry: Keeping the Promise," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, September 26, Sub-committee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on "Information Technology-Essential Yet Vulnerable: How Prepared Are We for Attack?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, September 25. hearing on U.S. Policy in the Fight Against International Terrorism Originating in South Asia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, to continue hearings on U.S. Policy Towards the Palestinians, Part II, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 24, hearing on the Administration's proposed Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 24, briefing on Concerns with the Administration's Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001, 4:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 25, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Permanent Extension of the Forest Service Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, 3 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 980, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1776, Buffalo Bayou

National Heritage Area Study Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 24, to consider the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2002, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, September 25, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on Strengthening NSF Sponsored Agricultural Biotechnology Research, focusing on H.R. 2051, to provide for the establishment of regional plant genome and gene expression research and development centers, and other proposals, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 25, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing titled "Removing Red Tape from the Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Approval Process," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 25, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on Aviation Security and the Future of the Aviation Industry, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on H.R. 2228, Maritime Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Improving the Delivery of Transit Services by Easing Regulatory Burdens, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 25, Sub-committee on Health, hearing on H.R. 2768, Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

#### Joint Meetings

Conference: September 25, meeting of conferees on H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind, 2:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: September 25, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Moldova, focusing on developments in the Transdniestria region and the promised withdrawal of Russian military forces as well as armaments and ammunition from Moldova, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 12 noon, Monday, September 24

#### Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2603, U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement, with passage of the bill to occur thereon. At 2 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur thereon; following which, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1438, Department of Defense Authorization.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 12:30 p.m., Monday, September 24

#### House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) H. Con. Res. 204, Establishment of National Character Counts Week;
- (2) H.R. 1583, Designation of the Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation;
- (3) H.R. 1860, Small Business Technology Transfer Pro-
  - (4) S. 248, Payment of Arrearages to the United Nations;
  - (5) H.R. 1850, Senior Housing Commission Extension Act;
- (6) H.R. 2589, Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring Extension;
- (7) H.R. 2869, Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act; and
- (8) H.R. 717, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Childhood Assistance, Research and Education Amendments.

Consideration of Joint Resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2002 (subject to unanimous consent).

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